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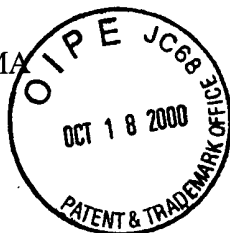
In re application of

Kazuhisa HATAKEYAMA

Serial No. 09/576,715

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METHOD FOR GENE ANALYSIS



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: Docket No. 2000-0644A

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated September 18, 2000, there is submitted herewith, in a separate Preliminary Amendment, a paper copy of a Sequence Listing for the above-identified application which has been prepared in accordance with the Sequence Rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. The Sequence Listing contains the identical sequences appearing in the original application papers. Thus, no new matter has been added.

There is also submitted herewith a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). The content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same.

A copy of the Notice is also attached as required.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each requirement set forth in the Notice has

been satisfied, and that the application is now in compliance with the Sequence Rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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